

be read a third time, passed, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the joint resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) was read the third time and passed.

The preamble was agreed to.

The joint resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S.J. RES. 8

Whereas the study of fossils has shown that the rose has been a native wild flower in the United States for over 35,000,000 years;

Whereas the rose is grown today in every State;

Whereas the rose has long represented love, friendship, beauty, peace, and the devotion of the American people to their country;

Whereas the rose has been cultivated and grown in gardens for over 5,000 years and is referred to in both the Old and New Testaments;

Whereas the rose has for many years been the favorite flower of the American people, has captivated the affection of humankind, and has been revered and renowned in art, music, and literature;

Whereas our first President was also our first rose breeder, 1 of his varieties being named after his mother and still being grown today; and

Whereas in 1986 the rose was designated and adopted as the national floral emblem of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress—*

(1) designates the year of 2002 as the "Year of the Rose"; and

(2) requests the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the year with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 19, 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until the hour of 11:30 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, December 19; that immediately following the prayer and the pledge, the Senate resume consideration of the farm bill; further, that the vote on cloture on the substitute amendment occur at 1:15 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there will be rollcall votes on the farm bill tomorrow morning, as we know.

ORDER FOR RECESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that if there is no further business to come before the Senate, following the statement by the Senator from Arkansas for 5 minutes and the statement by the Senator from

Alabama for 10 minutes, the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I appreciate everyone's cooperation. I know the hour is late. It is a very difficult bill for everyone, but I do appreciate the cooperation tonight.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alabama.

WANTING A FARM BILL

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I have the permission of the Senator from Arkansas to go first.

I do take offense at the distinguished Senator from Iowa, Mr. HARKIN, saying we do not want a farm bill. That is not true. I do want a farm bill. I do not think there is a Senator here who does not want one, and I would like to see one completed before we leave.

I have been talking to farmers back home in my State, and they tell me frankly they like Cochran-Roberts. I am pleased to support the amendment that Senator HUTCHINSON has offered that has the House structure with some additional language in it that we think makes the bill even better. That was my farm bill that I offered, along with Senator HUTCHINSON and four Democrats. There were four Democrats and three Republicans on that bill. I believe the Presiding Officer was on that bill. It was a good bipartisan bill.

As the bill went through the system, the committee dealt with it and the majority leader dealt with it, and pretty soon we had a bill that was not as balanced as we would like to see it.

A lot of people in this Senate who care about agriculture—and there are some other than Senator HARKIN—are really concerned about the legislation and want a good bill.

Senator COCHRAN from Mississippi who chair the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee is one of the most knowledgeable people in this Senate on agricultural issues.

Senator PAT ROBERTS chaired the House Committee on Agriculture and is one of the most knowledgeable people in this Senate on agriculture.

Senator LUGAR, the former chairman of the Agriculture Committee and one of the finest Members of this body, is not comfortable with this legislation, and he certainly, as a farmer, cares about agriculture. So does Senator GRASSLEY who spoke earlier, a farmer himself, and a senior member of the Agriculture Committee.

They just do not agree with Senator HARKIN on everything that is in a bill that he admits is not perfect.

What we ought to do, and what I would have expected to happen, is that these responsible, experienced Senators and farm experts would be able to get

together and work out some of the problems and not end up with a problem with the House and a problem with the President.

How are we going to get a bill passed if it cannot be conferenced? How are we going to get a bill passed if the President vetoes it? It is not going to happen. Let's get together now. That is the problem.

My farmers are telling me they believe all three of these bills can help them. They like all three of these bills, but we have to look at it in terms of a national policy and work out something with which everybody can work.

The problem has been, frankly, that the majority has not shown enough respect, in my view, to Senators COCHRAN, ROBERTS, GRASSLEY and LUGAR who have been trying to make some improvements in the bill. They have not talked to them on any significant issue, only minor issues, and we end up at loggerheads. The President is very unhappy with what he sees.

Even if we pass something before we leave, if it is not legislation that is likely to move forward, we have not done anything. That is why I appreciate Senator HUTCHINSON's offering of our original bipartisan bill that we know can get through the House, and we believe the President will sign it. I believe we will have a farm bill in a matter of days—hours, really. That would be good for agriculture.

The people with whom I have talked are concerned about delay. They would like this bill passed as soon as possible. They want to make their plans for next year. They want to talk with their banks and see about the financing they will need. We do need to move as fast as possible.

It would be quite preferable for us to move and have a bill passed that the President would sign before we recess. There is no doubt about that. I would like to see that done. But Senator HARKIN and the majority leader are basically saying: Take our bill just as we have written it, even though we have a vote or two over 50 for it, but we will not talk with you.

I have seen Senator DASCHLE when he was the Democratic leader use the power of 40 votes and ask for compromise and get it time and again. That is what this body is about. I just have not seen enough progress in a bipartisan way here. I believe there has just been an effort to stampede this bill through to try to gin up people and say: The Harkin bill is the only one that can do the job, and it must be passed now; and if you do not pass the Harkin bill now, you do not care about farmers, you do not care about agriculture, you would just as soon leave them out there and let them go bankrupt. That is just not true. I resent that.